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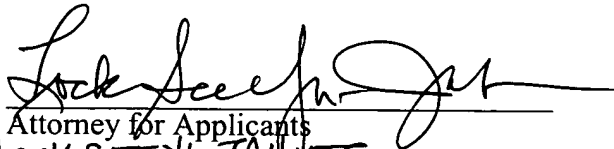
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Also enclosed are copies of the listed documents as well as a copy of a European Search Report dated July 24, 2003, citing those documents in a counterpart application.

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